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SUBJ: LEADERSHIP TURNOUT FOR TIEN AN MEN HEROES

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1. WHILE WE AGREE WITH USLO (REFTEL) THAT APPEARANCE OF
LARGE GROUP OF POLITBURO LEADERS WAS STAGED AND THAT AB-
SENCE OF LI HSIEN-NIEN, CHU TEH, AND YEH CHIEN-YING BADLY
DEFLATED THE LEADERSHIP'S APPEARANCE OF UNITY (HK 4795),
WE ARE MUCH LESS CERTAIN OF THE MEANING OF THE POSITIONING
OF CHIAN CHING AND OTHER "RADICALS" IN THE PHOTOGRAPH
CARRIED IN THE APRIL 27 PEOPLE'S DAILY. NOT ONLY IS CHIANG
CHING OUT OF PLACE BUT, ACCORDING TO THE PHOTO, CHI TENG-
BUEI, WANG TUNG-HSING AND CHEN HSI-LIEN RANK ABOVE YAO WEN-
YUAN. THE PRESUMED "LEFTISTS" ARE GROUPED TOGETHER

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YET SEPARATED FROM CHIANG CHING. THIS GROUP TURNED UP AND

THE "RADICALS" STOOD OUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE OTHERS UNWILLINGNESS TO APPEAR AND PRAISE THE ACTIONS AT TIEN AN MEN.

2. IF WE FOLLOW THE NORMAL ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE USED BY THE CHINESE SUCH AS AT THE TENTH CONGRESS OR FOR THE RECENT STATE FUNERALS AS A MEANS OF DETERMINING RANK, THEN THE PHOTO LIST RANKING WOULD READ: HUA KUO-FENG, WANG HUNG-WEN, CHIANG CHING, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, CHEN HSI-LIEN, CHI TENG-KUEI, WANG TUNG-HSING, YAO WEN-YUAN, WU TEH, CHEN YUNG-KUEI, WU KUEI-HSIEN, SU CHEN-HUA, AND NI CHIH-FU. HOWEVER THE HEADLINE AND THE STORY TEXT MAINTAIN THE NORMAL RANK ORDER OF AUGUST 1973.

3. IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE POLITBURO PERFORMERS CHIANG CHING STANDS NEXT TO HUA BUT IS SEPARATED FROM ANY OTHER POLITBURO FIGURE BY TWO OF THE TIEN AN MEN HEROES. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, IN WHICH CHINA PICTORIAL PHOTOS SHOWED CHIANG CHING RANKED OUT OF ORDER, SUCH AS: MAY 1974 P. 1 CHIANG CHING IS PHOTO-POSITIONED BEHIND CHOU EN-LAI AND LI HSIEN-NIEN BUT AHEAD OF VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING; JUNE 1974 P. 7 POSITIONED BETWEEN CHOU AND TENG AND AHEAD OF VICE CHAIRMEN WANG HUNG-WEN AND YEH CHIEN-YING; JULY 1974 P. 4 AFTER CHOU BUT AHEAD OF YEH CHIEN-YING WHO IS HIMSELF AHEAD OF WANG HUNG-WEN; AUGUST 1974 AFTER CHOU BUT AHEAD OF WANG HUNG-WEN AND CHANG CHUN-CHIAO. IN ALL CASES THE CAPTIONS ARE WRITTEN ACCORDING TO THE SETTING OF THE AUGUST 1973 RANK ORDER.

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